

July 5, 2005
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Brady Wooten- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Swaim called the meeting to order and had the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Public comments

Larry Adams, East Bend, requested of the Board to be paid his sick and vacation time due to the removal of his position from the budget (RIF).

Minutes

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the minutes with the change. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Hoots Hospital-report

David Atkinson, Baptist Hospital, updated the Board on the Yadkin Health Alliance. He introduced Lance Labine, Hoots Hospital Administrator and Mike Kimel, Forsyth Medical Center. The Alliance was formed out of the health concerns for the citizens of Yadkin County. In recognition of the serious issues relating to healthcare access and the financial consequences facing the rural populations in the counties adjacent to Forsyth, healthcare providers, county governments, and communities have come together to participate in this pilot program. As a group we believe in collaboratively supporting quality, cost-effective sustainable community-based health care services in Yadkin County.

Mr. Labine reported he is very pleased with the progress of the Alliance. Last year the hospital lost \$1.75 million and this year, for the same time period, the hospital showed a loss of only \$483,000. He commended the Board of Commissioners for working with the

hospital. The hospital has improved operations, controlled spending and sharing of employees. He informed the Board that Dr. Cathy Shore has joined their staff. The hospital is working closely with Mike Reavis, Director, and the Health Department to provide services. He talked highly of the staff at Hoots Hospital.

Mike Kimel, Forsyth Medical Center, stated he is pleased to be a part of this process and that everyone working together will accomplish many goals.

Doug Atkinson reviewed the next steps for the Alliance. He commented Senator Richard Burr and Congresswoman Virginia Foxx are very supportive of the program; only one in the state. He informed the Board that a mini-health care summit is being planned for October.

Commissioner Casstevens stated this is a worthwhile effort for Forsyth, Baptist and Hoots working together.

Economic Development- report/update

Bobby Todd, Economic Development Director, gave an update on economic development in the county.

Schools-agreement

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement with changes in Section 1 and Section 4 regarding the \$6 million loan and after Attorney Graham has reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Solid Waste- franchise

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to approve the solid waste franchise. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Attorney Graham reminded the Board that this requires two votes. The Board requested it be placed on the next agenda.

Health Department-surplus

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the examining tables as surplus and when the bids are received they are to be brought back to the Board. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

DOT- road petition (Gilley Drive)

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the road petition for Gilley Drive. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Grand Jury Commission-report

Mr. Wood reviewed the report submitted by the Grand Jury.

Commissioner Phillips suggested addressing the items in writing quickly and questioned the cost to the county to make the repairs.

The Board discussed the asbestos issue and the roof.

The Board directed Mr. Wood to separate the items by safety and appearance.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to extend \$5,000 to allow Mr. Wood to address the issues which can be covered under this amount and bring the larger items back to the Board with cost figures. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Area Agency on Aging-agreement

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to approve the agreement for provisions of county-based aging services. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Casstevens inquired if one of the examining tables could be moved to the jail for use in the medical room.

Commissioner Wooten commented Mr. Wood and the staff did a good job on the budget. He stated the budget for 2004/2005 was short \$1.2 million due to being over expended. There should have been cuts made to the expenses and revenues should have been increased. Therefore the budgets for the next few years will be affected by this shortfall.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to grant the request made by Mr. Adams to pay his sick time and vacation. Chairman Swaim seconded.**

Chairman Swaim thanked Mr. Adams for a job well done.

The Board voted 5-0.

***Commissioner Phillips made a motion to fund the Healthy Carolinians at 100%. Chairman Swaim seconded.**

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to table the vote until the next meeting. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Manager comments

Mr. Wood informed the Board that Mr. Graham will not be able to represent the county in the lawsuit regarding the animal shelter. Mr. Wood requested to obtain other legal representation.

Commissioner Casstevens asked about a countersuit regarding the \$60,000.

Attorney Graham stated the \$60,000 was for euthanasia and it was for a specific time period, but he would check to be sure.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to obtain legal counsel who has experience with this type of lawsuit and approved by Mr. Wood and Mr. Graham. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Attorney Graham handed out an update on tax collection, as of date he has collected over \$500,000 in back taxes.

Chairman Swaim commended Mr. Graham for his efforts.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board